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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This response and request for reconsideration addresses each concern raised in the official communication mailed February 21, 2007. In that communication the office raised Section 112 concerns with respect to claims 1-13; Section 102 concerns with respect to claims 1-12, specification concerns with respect to antecedent basis, and drawing concerns and objections to claims 1 and 8. The applicant believes that this response and request for reconsideration addresses each concern raised by the office in the communication.